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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PEREZ' VISIT TO DR

1. VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ DEPARTED SANTO DOMINGO FOR CARACAS MORNING DEC 1 AFTER 12-HOUR OVERNIGHT VISIT TO DR. HIGHLIGHT WAS SIGNING OF TWO AGREEMENTS. ONE PROVIDES FOR VENEZUELA TO LEND \$60,000,000 TO DR TO USE TO PAY PART OF ITS PURCHASES OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM IN 1977. LOAN CARRIES 8 PERCENT INTEREST CHARGE AND IS REPAYABLE BETWEEN MARCH 30, 1979 AND DECEMBER 30, 1980. OTHER AGREEMENT COMMITS VENEZUELA TO PURCHASE, DURING YEARS 1977 THROUGH 1979 TO MEET VENEZUELAN SUGAR IMPORT REQUIREMENTS, UP TO 100,000 TONS OF DOMINICAN SUGAR PER YEAR AND 50 PERCENT OF VENEZUELAN REQUIREMENTS BEYOND THE 100,000 TONS. PURCHASES WILL BE MADE AT VENEZUELAN INTERNAL MARKET PRICES. (SEE SANTO DOMINGO 5853)

2. IN JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED NOVEMBER 30 PRESIDENTS PEREZ AND BALAGUER:

(A) ASSERT THEIR COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONNN UN CHARTER PRINCIPLESN SELF-DETERMINATION AND NON-INTERVENTION.

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(B) REFER TO NEED FOR NEW AND MORE JUST STANDARDS OF AN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ORDER.

(C) AGREE ON NEED TO ACCELERATE RESTRUCTURING AND STRENGTHENING OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

(D) STRESS THE VALUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS FUNDAMENTAL PREMISE OF DEMOCRACY AND RECOGNIZE THE IMPERATIVE NECESSITY OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS TO GUARANTEE THE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES.

(E) CODEMN ALL FORMS OF TERRORIST VIOLENCE AND SUPPORT MEASURES TO ERADICATE TERRORISM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS.

(F) AGREE TO UNITE FORCES TO CONTRIBUTE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER AND EXPRESS CONFIDENCE THAT THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE WILL PRODUCE RESULTS PERMITTING JUST AND BALANCED STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

(G) SUPPORT REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION.

(H) SUPPORT SELA.

(I) REAFFIRM THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE IN THEIR ASPIRATION TO REGAIN FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL ZONE.

(J) EXPRESS THE DESIRABILITY OF INCREASING ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND THE DR.

(K) AGREE (AS NOTED PARA 1 ABOVE) TO SIGN ACCORDS ON VENEZUELAN LOAN OF \$60 MILLION TO DR FOR PURCHASE OF VENEZUELAN OIL IN 1977 AND FOR VENEZUELAN PURCHASE OF SUGAR.

3. IN EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH OF WELCOME TO VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT VALAGUER REFERRED TO DISTICTIVE CHARACTER OF CARIBBEAN REGION, POSSESSING ITS OWN IDEAS AND NECESSITIES, OBLIGING ITS PEOPLES TO ASSOCIATE FOR COMMON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTERPRISES; ATTRIBUTED LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES TO VENEZUELA; HIGHLIGHTED UNCLASSIFIED

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IMPORTANCE OF THE TWO AGREEMENTS SIGNED DURING THE VISIT IN EASING DR'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SITUATION; AND REFERRED TO PEREZ AS A SPOKESMAN OF THE THIRD WORLD AND HERALD OF AN ERA OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4. IN HIS EXTEMPORANEOUS REMARKS RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S PRESENTATION, PEREZ MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS: THE AGREEMENTS REFLECTED A NEW CONCEPT OF SOLIDARITY. THUS, VENEZUELA WOULD PAY

THE SAME PRICE FOR DOMINICAN SUGAR AS FOR ITS OWN. THE PIRACY OF COLONIAL PERIOD IN CARIBBEAN (TO WHICH BALAGUER HAD ALLUDED IN HIS REMARKS) RECALLED ACTIONS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN BUYING RAW MATERIALS AT DESPICABLE PRICES AND SELLING PEOPLE NOT ONLY NEEDED ITEMS BUT CHEAP GOODS AT HIGH PRICES. IN THIS REGARD THE SYSTEM HAD CHANGED BUT NOT THE OBJECTIVE IN TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WHAT WAS PROPOSED BY LATIN AMERICAN AND THE THIRD WORLD WAS NOT A BREAK IN HISTORICAL, IDEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL TIES WITH THE GREAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES BUT INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE, A NEW INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF WORK. THE INCREASES IN PETROLEUM PRICES WERE NOT EGOTISTIC OR MONOPOLISTIC MANIFESTATIONS OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES BUT AN INDICATION THAT THE THIRD WORLD WAS SHARING IN FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN DECISIONS AND THAT PRIMARY PRODUCTS HAD TO MAINTAIN A PURCHASING POWER WHICH WAS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MANIPULATIONS OF GREAT WORLD POWER CENTERS. SIMILARLY, OPEC COUNTRIES HAD SUCCEEDED IN ENLARGING NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE FROM CONCENTRATION ON ENERGY PROBLEM TO TREATMENT OF WHOLE PROBLEM OF ADEQUATE PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS. BOTH VENEZUELAN AND DOMINICAN NATIONS WERE IN PROCESS OF CONSOLIDATING THEIR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, WHICH WERE MORE OR LESS SIMILAR, BOTH HAD SUFFERED AUTOCRACIES WHILE FLAME OF LIBERTY WAS NEVER EXTINGUISHED IN THEIR PEOPLES, AND IN BOTH ECONOMIC INSTABILITY, A PRODUCT OF BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DISEQUILIBRIUM, HAD BROUGHT POLITICAL INSTABILITY WITH DOLEFUL CONSEQUENCES.

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